

"For the first time in a very long time, I don't feel like I'm all alone."
says the parent of a child in Berkeley County referring to the PTRC.

The PTRC Offers:

- Free Lending Library
- Annual Conference
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Training & Information Workshops
- Peer-Parent Mentor Program for Special Education Advocacy
- Information & Referral
- Website: www.frcdsn.org
- Satellite Locations

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The Family Resource Center for Disabilities and Special Needs is a non-profit (501c3) organization promoting opportunities for learning, inclusion, and empowerment for individuals with disabilities and special needs, their families, and their communities through education, advocacy and outreach. The Family Resource Center is funded through grants, donations, fundraisers and community support. Contact the Family Resource Center to find out how you can help.

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Does your child have an IEP?
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Do you know what's available in public school for students with disabilities?
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Do you need help in understanding special education services?

Parent Training and Resource Center (PTRC)

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Free Lending Libraries

The PTRC offers free access to an array of resource materials at the Central Office and Satellite Branches. Items available for loan include books, audio/video cassettes, cds/dvds, and a variety of training curricula. The PTRC library contains topics related to specific disabilities, self-advocacy issues, current therapies, and special education. There are many resources available in Spanish. Arrangements may be made to access materials at Satellite Branches by contacting the PTRC.

Annual Conference on Disabilities

Each year, in collaboration with the Advocacy Coalition for People with Disabilities and the Psychology Department at The Citadel, the PTRC presents a daylong conference, developed and planned by parents and consumers, offering workshops on a variety of topics.



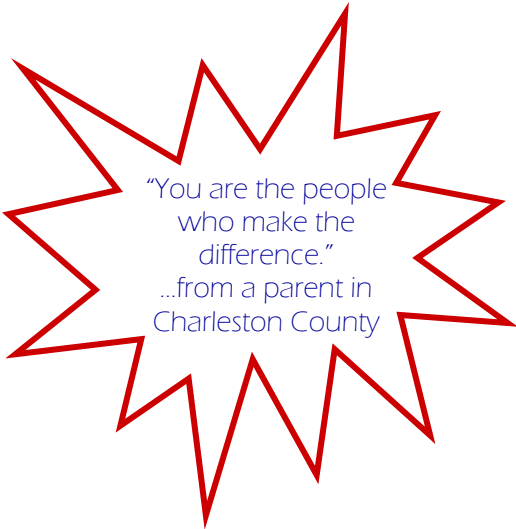
The Mentor gave me
"concrete ways to work
with the school"...
parent of a 6 year
old in
Dorchester
County

Peer-Parent Mentors

Through the Peer-Parent Mentor Program, the PTRC provides free individualized support and training to parents accessing special education services for their children with disabilities. Peer-Parent Mentors who work with families have received specialized training in areas of Federal Law such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504, school district special education policies and procedures, as well as effective communication techniques. Peer-Parent Mentors are available to attend meetings with parents and to assist them in their advocacy. In addition, parents receive a comprehensive special education resource manual for future reference. Mentor services, which include attendance at IEP meetings, are available to families in Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester Counties.

"The Coalition" Newsletter

The Coalition is a free, quarterly newsletter featuring articles of interest to both families and professionals. Also included are reports on area recreation and learning opportunities, as well as a comprehensive list of regional support groups. Contact the PTRC office to be added to the mailing list. The Coalition newsletters are also available on the FRC website: www.frdsn.org



"You are the people
who make the
difference."
...from a parent in
Charleston County

Access our comprehensive Parent's Resource Manual for Special Education on our website: www.frdsn.org